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Fair Political
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by Reg. 18533

January 3, 1986

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Re: FPPC No. A-85-243

Dear Mr. McCauley:

This is in reply to your letter dated October 24, 1985, which was received in this office on November 25, 1985. I apologize for the delay in responding to your letter which, unfortunately, was misplaced in our office.

Because the question posed in your letter is not asked on behalf of a specifically identified person, this letter does not constitute advice under Gov. Code Section 83114. (See 2 Cal. Adm. Code Section 18239(b), copy enclosed.) Rather, this letter provides a general interpretation of the campaign disclosure provisions of the Political Reform Act.

You have asked the following question:

A contributor and his spouse have contributed in excess of \$10,000 but less than \$20,000 to political candidates and committees during the calendar year out of their community funds. Is either the husband or wife liable for filing a major donor political report?

Contributions from community funds must be aggregated for the purpose of qualifying as a major donor committee under Gov. Code Section 82013(c). Community funds are a single source of funds, and it does not matter whether the contributions are actually directed by one spouse or the other.

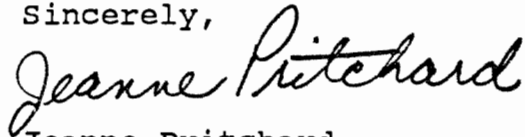
Therefore, once contributions totalling \$10,000 or more in a calendar year have been made from community funds, the husband and wife have qualified as a committee and must file campaign disclosure statements.

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Enclosed for your information are a copy of the 1985 "Information Manual on Campaign Disclosure Provisions of the Political Reform Act," and an "Expenditure and Major Donor Committee Campaign Statement" (Form 461).

Please call our Technical Assistance and Analysis Division at (916) 322-5662 if you would like specific information regarding the filing of campaign statements by a major donor committee.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jeanne Pritchard". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the typed name.

Jeanne Pritchard
Chief, Technical Assistance
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Enclosure

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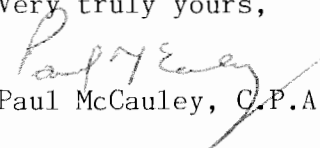
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Gentlemen:

Clarification is requested concerning the following circumstance:

A contributor and his spouse have contributed in excess of \$10,000 but less than \$20,000 to political candidates and committees during the calendar year out of their community funds. Is either husband or wife liable for filing a Major donor political report?

Very truly yours,


Paul McCauley, C.P.A.